



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2174

Application No.: 09/810,534

Examiner: P. KE

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Docket No.: 108973

For: OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 21, 2007 Advisory Action, reconsideration of the Advisory Action is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Advisory Action which indicates the October 25 Amendment will not be entered because it raises new matter. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on October 25, 2007 along with the Amendment. Attached hereto are copies of the Amendment and Request for Continued Examination submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 25, 2007 for the application identified above along with a copy of the date stamp for the original filing papers.

Therefore, since the original papers were filed before the expiration of the three month date, no further action or additional Petition for Extension of Time is necessary. Accordingly,